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SUBJ: SUPREME COURT POSTPONES DECISION ON ELECTION CASES

REF: (A) SAIGON 13018; (B) SAIGON 12444

1. SUPREME COURT, WHICH HAD BEEN EXPECTED TO GIVE DECISIONS ON THREE CLAIMS CONCERNING CANDIDACIES FOR PRESIDENTIAL ELECTION IN LATE AFTERNOON AUGUST 20, ANNOUNCED INSTEAD THAT DECISONS WOULD BE DELAYED UNTIL APPROXIMATELY NOON AUGUST 21.

2. THE THREE CASES ARE THOSE OF (A) LAWYER PHAM KIM VINH (A KY SUPPORTER) CHALLENGING CONSTITUTIONALITY OF ARTICLE 14 OF THE ELECTION LAW (REF A), ( ) MR. DUONG VAN LONG OF THE SAIGON CITY COUNCIL CHALLENGIN. ELIGIBILITY OF THIEU-HUONG SLATE ON GROUNDS THAT IT ABUSED AUTHORITY IN COLLECTING SO MANY ENDORSEMENTS FROM BOTH NATIONAL ASSEMBLYMEN AND PROVINCIAL COUNCILORS, INSTEAD OF JUST ONE OF THESE GROUPS, AND (C) MR. NGUYEN TRAN, WHO PRESENTED CANDIDACY WITHOUT ENDORSEMENTS

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(REF B).

3. IT IS POSSIBLE THAT COURT WILL ALSO RULE GENERALLY ON KY'S CANDIDACY AT SAME TIME.
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